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**Committee Bill No. 5292**

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION  
MEDICATIONS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WASTE WATER  
TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2       provision of the general statutes, on or after October 1, 2007, no person  
3       shall dispose of any prescription medication to a public or private  
4       waste water treatment facility. For the purposes of this section,  
5       "person" means a hospital, nursing home or other private or public  
6       institution.

7       (b) Not later than August 31, 2007, the Department of  
8       Environmental Protection shall compile a list of prescription  
9       medications that are subject to the prohibition of subsection (a) of this  
10      section and shall publish such list on the department's Internet web  
11      site, and shall expand and update such list annually thereafter.

12      (c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt  
13      regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
14      general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

15 (d) Any institution who violates or fails to comply with the  
 16 provisions of this section shall be fined not more than thirty thousand  
 17 dollars for each incidence of noncompliance. Prior to imposing any  
 18 penalty pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner of  
 19 Environmental Protection shall notify the institution of the alleged  
 20 violation and the accompanying penalty and shall permit such  
 21 institution to request that the department review its findings. An  
 22 institution shall request such review not later than fifteen days after  
 23 receipt of the notice of violation from the department. The department  
 24 shall stay the imposition of any penalty pending the outcome of the  
 25 review. The commissioner may impose a penalty upon an institution  
 26 pursuant to this subsection regardless of whether a change in  
 27 ownership of the institution has taken place since the time of the  
 28 violation, provided the department issued notice of the alleged  
 29 violation and the accompanying penalty prior to the effective date of  
 30 the change in ownership and record of such notice is readily available  
 31 in a central registry maintained by the department. Payments of fines  
 32 received pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the General  
 33 Fund and credited to the Clean Water Fund established in section 22a-  
 34 477 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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**Joint Favorable C/R**

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